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Cynthia Stewart
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Dear Ms. Stewart:

The Washington State Department of Health is developing plans for the receipt, management, and distribution of the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS). The NPS would be sent to us from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) should a major unexpected disease outbreak – such as from a bio-terrorism attack – strike our state.

We have recently had discussions with the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Emergency Preparedness about conducting a demonstration of our state plan in the Seattle area. The purpose of this letter is to request the use of the *Baggage Claim Area* at your facility for conducting this important exercise from September 19-21, 2001. We would use your facility to set-up an emergency pharmaceutical repackaging center and test various approaches to this challenge. Below is a tentative schedule of events:

- September 19: Unload six air cargo containers and set-up for exercise
- September 20: Conduct the exercise (approx 60 personnel and possibly local media and legislative visitors)
- September 21: Static display tours (approx 200 personnel from various cities around the country)

Greg Staley of my staff has spoken with Mike Colmant of your staff about using this facility. Please contact Greg at 360-236-4419 or Dennis Anderson at 360-236-4416 if you have any questions. In light of the amount of planning that remains to be done, we would very much appreciate hearing from you by August 8, 2001.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Selecky
Secretary of Health